Freedom of Information Act 2000
&
Environmental Information Regs. 2004 response.

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Our Ref: FOI005500
Your Ref (if provided): INF005455
Date: 21/04/2026

Response to your Information Request.

Dear requester,

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or Environmental Information Regulation 2004). Your request for information and the council's response is as follows:

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting any archive records or documents that explain the origin or reasoning behind the naming of Portland Road, Gillingham (postcode ME7). Specifically, I would like information on:

The date the road was named.

The person, organization, or authority responsible for naming it.

Any historical, local, or industrial context considered in the naming, including whether it relates to the Portland cement industry, the Isle of Portland, or Portland stone.

Please include copies of any official correspondence, meeting notes, or archival materials that pertain to the naming of this road.

Response: Please see below

Portland Road is named after the Duke of Portland – like nearby Cavendish Avenue which is named after the Duke of Cavendish. This is documented by Ron Baldwin, a local historian who wrote The Gillingham Chronicles.

According to our Street Register, Portland Road is recorded as being adopted on 15 June 1939.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Head of information Governance,

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Your sincerely.

Karen Tamsett